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My name is Jesse Robbins and I live in Springfield, Oregon. I'm a former resident of Washington, and a dedicated angler and outdoorsman. I am writing to provide comments on the Department of Ecology's Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding the proposed dam on the Chehalis River.

I want to express my certain opinion that I DO NOT support any plan to construct dams on the upper Chehalis River.

The salmon and steelhead populations of Washington and the Pacific Northwest are simply too fragile to risk compromise by the construction of a dam. It's well known that dams have a negative effect on anadromous fish populations, and I believe this project would be no different.

Salmon and steelhead drive local and tourism economies, and are cultural icons in the Pacific Northwest, holding immeasurable value for people, communities, and Tribes. I believe it is imperative that we protect these species by all means necessary. Constructing a new dam would fly in the face of all the dedicated conservation measures that have been taken for decades by individuals, businesses, agencies, departments, and organizations across the region.

Again - I am strongly opposed to the construction of a dam on the Chehalis River!